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- 1. DR. CARL SAGAN, CORNELL UNIVERSITY, HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE SOVIET ACADEMY, SPECIFICALLY DR. SAGDEEV OF THE INSTITUTE FOR COSMIC RESEARCH AND DR. MAROV OF THE INSTITUTE OF APPLIED MATHEMATICS, TO PRESENT LECTURES AND HOLD DISCUSSIONS ON NASA-RELATED PROGRAMS AND OTHER MATTERS IN THE AREA OF PLANETARY EXPLORATION AND TO VISIT SOVIET FACILITIES
- 2. THIS TRIP IS NOT REPEAT NOT UNDER THE BILATERAL SPACE AGREEMENT, HOWEVER, SAGAN WILL BE TRAVELING ON NASA FUNDS AND WILL DISCUSS NASA-RELATED PROGRAMS. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION INCLUDE VIKING MISSION TO MARS, VOYAGER MISSION TO JUPITER, SATURN AND BEYOND, AND THE SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE. SAGAN HAS BEEN INVITED TO VISIT SAGDEEV AND MAROV'S INSTITUTES AND THE LEBEDEV PHYSICAL INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW AS WELL AS THE 240-INCH REFLECTOR, THE RATAN 600 RADIO TELESCOPE AND THE NEUTRINO

## OBSERVATORY ALL IN THE CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS.

4. DR. SAGAN PLANS TO ARRIVE ON JUNE 14 AND DEPART ON JUNE 20.

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